

tions of the county commissioners. The Code shall be deemed and taken in all the courts of this state and by all justices of the peace and trial magistrates of the state and by all other public officials of the state and of any political subdivision thereof to be evidence of the Public Local Laws and/or ordinances and resolutions of St. Mary's County in existence at the time of compilation.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.

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## CHAPTER 580

(House Bill 867)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 700 (k) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", adding certain oyster bars to the list of those which are an exception to the general law making the use of patent tongs unlawful for the taking of oysters.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 700 (k) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

700.

(k) It shall be unlawful to use or employ any patent tongs to take or catch oysters in any of the following waters: Queen Anne's, Talbot, Dorchester and Kent counties, except on Swann Point Bar, *White Marsh, Gum Spring, Under the Bar* and Lighthouse Lump, and except that on Hickory Thicket Bar the Department of Tidewater Fisheries may, in its discretion, open or close this bar for patent tonging; or in the Patuxent River above and north of a straight line joining Sotterly Wharf and St. Leonards Beacon; or in the tributaries of the Potomac River in St. Mary's County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.

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## CHAPTER 581

(House Bill 892)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 94 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Wicomico County (1959 Edition, being Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title